Selection of players for national sports competition

†1935. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of players who had been selected by the States have not been allowed to participate in the national sports competition between the years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and November 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the players who were not allowed to participate State-wise; and

(d) the officers in the States found guilty of sending the players in All India Competitions in this manner by making wrong selection and the details of action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir, there is no such information available with the Ministry. The selection of players in the National Games is done by the State Olympic Association under the auspices of the Indian Olympic Association. Similarly, the selection of players in the National Championships organized by the respective national Sports Federation is done by the State Sports Association concerned. The Government of India only provides financial assistance for the conduct of such Games/Championships.

(d) Does not arise.

Rewards to cricket players

1936. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether players in the Indian cricket team, which played in the recent international limited twenty over competition and won, have been granted rewards in cash and kinds by the Central and various State Governments;

(b) if so, the details of such rewards which are incurred out of the public exchequer by the Union and State Governments;

(c) whether it is also a fact that players in the Indian National Hockey team which won the Asian Cup earlier this year have also been honoured *inter alia* with cash and kind rewards by Central and various State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) This Ministry has not given any reward in cash or kind to the Indian cricket team or any of its player for winning the Twenty-Twenty Cricket World Cup. As per media reports, State Government have given awards to individual players, records of which are not available with this Ministry. BCCI have stated that they do not have any authentic knowledge about any such awards given by State Governments. However, BCCI have given Rs. 80 lakh to each of the players and Rs. 15 lakh to each of the support staff.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) The Central Govt. has not given any cash award to the Indian Hockey Team, which won Asia Cup this year. However, various State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings have given awards to Indian hockey team, which won Asia Cup this year as per details given below:—

(i) Indian Hockey Federation has given Rs. 1.5 lakh to each member of the team.

(ii) State Bank of India has given Rs. 5 lakhs each to 18 players, Manager and the Coach.

(iii) State Government of Orissa has given Rs. one lakh to each player belonging to Orissa.

(iv) State Government of Karnataka announced Rs. 2 lakhs each to players belonging to Karnataka.

(v) State Government of Punjab announced an award of Rs. 5 lakhs each to all the player of the team.

(vi) State Government of Haryana has announced Rs. 10 lakhs each and DSP job to players belonging to Haryana.

(vii) Indian Airlines and Air-India announced promotion of their players.

(viii) Government of Madhya Pradesh has announced 3 lakhs each to players belonging to Madhya Pradesh.

Number of sports federations

1937. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports federations existing in the country;

(b) whether these federations are subjected to income tax; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Ministry has recognized 65 sports federations engaged in the development of various sport disciplines at the national level as per the list which is given in the enclosed Statement. (see below).

(b) and (c) Under the present provisions of the Income Tax Act, the Sports Organizations having as their object the promotion of sports, and which are register u/s. 12AA of the Income Tax Act, can claim exemption u/s. 11 and 12 of the Income Tax Act subject to the fulfilment of various other conditions prescribed under the Act. Further, Sports Organizations and Sports Federations which are of State or National importance can also claim exemption u/s. 10(23C)(iv) of the Income Tax Act subject to the fulfilment of various conditions prescribed therein. The income of a sports federation which is neither notified u/s. 10(23C)(iv) nor registred u/s. 12AA of the Income Tax Act is taxable under the usual provisions of the Income Tax Act.